

SITKA ECONOMIC PROFILE

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NOTES ON DATA SOURCES

The data presented in this document are the most current available as of the printing date. Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOL&WD) employment data is available on a six-month lag, with calendar year 2004 the most recent available.

There is generally a lag of one month for unemployment rate information. Then, at the end of the calendar year, the DOL&WD revises its numbers for the year based on a number of verifications of the data, so unemployment rate information for 2004 should be considered preliminary. Recently, the U.S. DOL revised the methodology for calculating unemployment rates. The rates shown in this report include the revised historical numbers.

U.S. Census data is released every ten years. Income data from Census 2000 is based on 1999 earnings.

State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development counts school enrollment as of October 1 of the school year.

Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission is updated annually but is considered preliminary until a year or more has passed.

The most recent Alaska Marine Highway System traffic data available is for 2004.

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis generally releases data on an annual basis. However, industry classification coding systems changed in 2001 which slowed the data release times. The data for 2002 was revised in May 2004. Preliminary estimates of personal income at the statewide level for 2003 were released in May 2004.

SITKA ECONOMIC SUMMARY

Sitka experienced slight economic decline between 2003 and 2004. Based on State of Alaska population estimates, Sitka's population decreased by 1 percent between 2003 and 2004 (declining by 92 persons).

Employment data also reflect some decline. Wage and salary employment averaged 4,278 jobs in 2004, compared to 4,358 jobs in 2003. The decrease in employment is due in part to one employer with multiple statewide worksites who previously reported all their workers in the Sitka region.

Total annual payroll rose to \$137 million in 2004, up 1.9 percent from 2003. In inflation-adjusted dollars, 2004 payroll was actually down slightly (-0.7 percent) from 2003.

Gross business sales have been rising since 1997, reaching \$312 million in 2004 – a 9 percent increase over 2003.

Sitka's increased unemployment rate of 6.6 percent for 2004 marks the third consecutive year of increasing unemployment.

Table 1
Selected Sitka Economic Indicators, 1999-2004

Subject	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2003 - 04 Percent Change
Population	8,681	8,835	8,724	8,799	8,897	8,805	-1.0%
Average Annual Employment	4,055	4,083	4,171	4,302	4,358	4,278	-1.8
Total Annual Payroll (000s)	\$112,400	\$117,475	\$121,378	\$129,173	\$134,869	\$137,378	+1.9
Average Monthly Wage	\$2,310	\$2,398	\$2,425	\$2,502	\$2,579	\$2,676	+3.8
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	4.9%	4.8%	6.0%	6.4%	6.6%	+3.1
Total Property Value (000s)	na	\$549,088	\$573,932	\$593,882	\$628,427	\$665,706	+5.9
Gross Business Sales (000s)	\$214,382	\$222,238	\$235,112	\$263,500	\$285,438	\$312,105	+9.3

Sources: US Census Bureau, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, City and Borough of Sitka, and Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

Table 2
City and Borough of Sitka, Review of Selected Economic Indicators, 1980, 1990, 2000-2004

Subject	1980	1990	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Population	7,803	8,588	8,835	8,724	8,799	8,897	8,805
Employment	3,743	4,124	4,083	4,171	4,302	4,358	4,278
Average Unemployment Rate	NA	5.1%	4.9%	4.8%	6.0%	6.4%	6.6%
Annual Payroll (nominal dollars in millions)	\$82.6	\$103.8	\$117.5	\$121.4	\$129.2	\$134.9	\$137.4
Annual Payroll (real 2004 dollars in millions)	\$161.0	\$145.9	\$129.8	\$130.4	\$136.1	\$138.4	\$137.4
Average Monthly Wage (nominal dollars)	\$1,839	\$2,097	\$2,398	\$2,425	\$2,502	\$2,579	\$2,676
Average Monthly Wage (real 2004 dollars)	\$3,586	\$2,947	\$2,649	\$2,605	\$2,636	\$2,646	\$2,676
Total Personal Income (nominal dollars in millions)	\$113.1	\$196.1	\$256.9	\$267.1	\$271.9	\$279.0	NA
Total Personal Income (real 2004 dollars in millions)	\$220.5	\$275.6	\$283.8	\$286.9	\$286.5	\$286.2	NA
Per Capita Personal Income (nominal dollars)	\$14,423	\$22,657	\$29,078	\$30,669	\$30,699	\$31,467	NA
Per Capita Personal Income (real 2004 dollars)	\$28,121	\$31,846	\$32,123	\$32,942	\$32,348	\$32,280	NA
Number of Dwelling Units Constructed	68	61	49	64	62	51	NA
Building Permit Value (nominal dollars in millions)	\$6.20	\$7.80	\$20.90	\$16.90	\$16.34	\$19.33	NA
Building Permit Value (Real 2004 dollars in millions)	\$12.09	\$10.96	\$23.09	\$18.15	\$17.22	\$19.83	NA
Air Passengers (enplanements)	48,009	50,980	68,002	72,912	70,095	69,162	76,078
Ferry Passengers (disembarking)	16,302	21,126	13,593	13,989	13,975	13,459	14,956
Sitka School District Student Enrollment	1,743	1,825	1,746	1,640	1,646	1,582	1,524
Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property (dollars in millions)	\$331.0	\$437.0	\$549.8	\$573.9	\$593.9	\$628.4	\$665.7
Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property (2004 dollars in millions)	\$645.4	\$614.2	\$607.4	\$616.4	\$625.8	\$644.7	\$665.7
Gross Business Sales (nominal dollars in millions)	\$99.0	\$154.4	\$222.2	\$235.1	\$263.5	\$285.4	\$312.1
Gross Business Sales (real 2004 dollars in millions)	\$193.0	\$217.0	\$245.5	\$252.5	\$277.7	\$292.8	\$312.1

Sources: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, City and Borough of Sitka, Bureau of Economic Analysis, FAA, Alaska Marine Highway System, and State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development.

SITKA'S EMPLOYMENT BASE

Sitka has one of the region's better diversified economies. Health care and the seafood industry are the most important in terms of employment and income. The Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) is the community's largest employer.

Education (including Sheldon Jackson, Mt. Edgecumbe High School, UAS, and other employers) also plays a key role in the economy, directly generating 10 percent of local employment.

Federal government is an important source of year-round jobs, especially the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Forest Service.

Tourism is a growing segment of Sitka's economic base, now directly accounting for approximately one in ten local jobs.

Table 3
City and Borough of Sitka Employment, by Industry, 2004

Sector	Annual Average Employment	Total Local Employment (%)
Health Care ¹	836	17.1
Seafood ²	641	13.1
Seafood Harvesting*	420	8.6
Aquaculture	14	0.3
Processing	207	4.2
Education ³	467	9.5
Government ⁴	701	14.3
Local	186	3.8
State	71	1.5
Federal	375	7.7
Tribal	69	1.4
Wholesale and Retail Trade ⁵	451	9.2
Wholesale Trade	33	0.7
Retail Trade	418	8.5
Tourism ⁶	520	10.6
Construction	238	4.9
Transportation and Utilities ⁷	150	3.1
Manufacturing ⁸	75	1.5
Marine Construction	45	0.9
Other Manufacturing	30	0.6
Services ⁹	675	13.8
Finance Activities	140	2.9
Total Industry	4,894	100%

Source: Compiled by McDowell Group, Inc. based in part on Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOL&WD) data.

1. Includes SEARHC, Pioneer Home, SEREMS, Sitka Community Hospital, Center for Community, and other private health care services. Does not include social services.

2. Includes self-employed fishermen, local hatcheries, and local processor employment.

3. Includes Sheldon Jackson College, Mt. Edgecumbe High School, Public Safety Academy, Sitka School District, and UAS- Sitka campus.

4. Total government figures have been adjusted. Local government employment is as reported by DOL&WD less Sitka Community Hospital jobs and Sitka Borough School District jobs. State government is as reported by DOL&WD, less UAS, Mt. Edgecumbe HS, Public Safety Academy, and Pioneers' Home jobs. Federal government as reported by ADOL, plus active duty US Coast Guard and less federal health care jobs.

5. Trade jobs as reported by DOL&WD, less 150 tourism-related jobs.

6. Estimated tourism employment based on DOL&WD. Includes jobs in Retail, Transportation and the Leisure & Hospitality sectors.

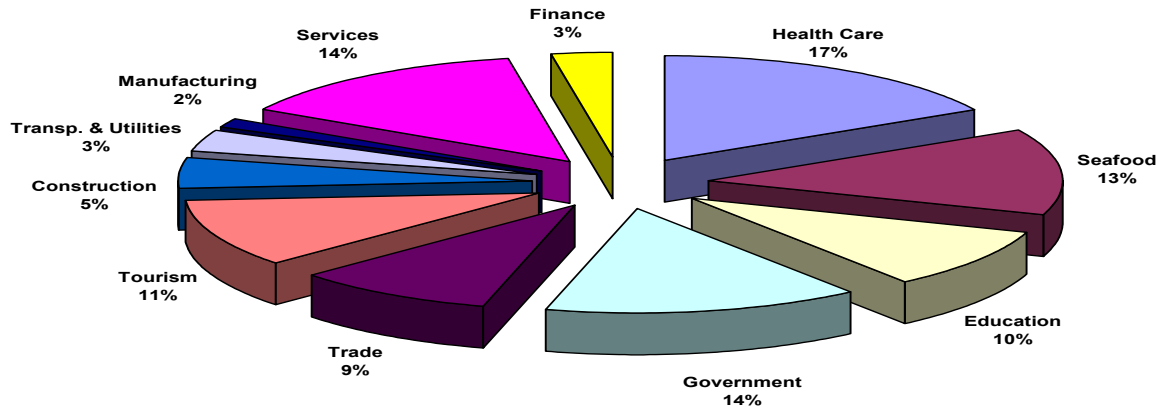
7. Transportation, Utilities and Information jobs as reported by DOL&WD, less 150 tourism-related jobs.

8. Manufacturing jobs as reported by DOL&WD, less seafood processing jobs.

9. Service (including Professional & Business Services, Social Services, Leisure & Hospitality and Other Services) jobs as reported by DOL&WD, less 250 tourism-related jobs.

* Includes permit holders and crew. Estimate accounts for various seasons and is an annual average. Total participation in commercial fishing is significantly higher, including 591 permit holders and 451 crew that reported Sitka as their place of residence.

Figure 1
City and Borough of Sitka Employment by Industry, 2004



SEAFOOD INDUSTRY

In 2003, 448 Sitka fishermen fished 786 permits, generating about \$27.2 million in ex-vessel value (2003 data is preliminary).

Salmon comprised 60 percent of volume and 24 percent of the ex-vessel value in 2002. Preliminary estimates for 2003 are similar, with salmon representing 62 percent of the volume and 22 percent of the value. The second highest species were groundfish (including sablefish) at 17.5 percent of volume and 38.2 percent of value for 2002, and 17 percent of volume and

36.8 percent of value for 2003. Halibut rounds out the top three fisheries with 12.2 percent of volume and 30 percent of the value for 2002 and 11.3 percent volume and 33.1 percent of the value for 2003. Other species harvested include rockfish, shellfish, shrimp, and sea cucumbers.

Preliminary estimates for 2003 reveal that Sitka shore-based processors processed 22 million pounds of fish worth more than \$49.5 million at the first wholesale level.

Table 4
Sitka Resident Seafood Harvest, 2002 and 2003 (preliminary)

2002	Number of Permits Fished	Gross Pounds	Gross Earnings
Fishery (All Gear Groups)			
Salmon	280	15,801,037	\$ 5,531,719
Halibut	207	3,228,649	6,869,634
Crab	35	279,336	560,535
Sablefish	124	4,095,085	8,232,287
Herring	22	2,141,578	516,321
Other Groundfish	68	550,992	490,340
Other Shellfish	76	411,466	625,798
Total Sitka	812	26,508,143	\$ 22,826,633
2003 (preliminary)	Number of Permits Fished	Gross Pounds	Gross Earnings
Fishery (All Gear Groups)			
Salmon	257	17,704,004	\$ 6,056,281
Halibut	213	3,213,268	8,981,783
Crab	27	255,690	536,407
Sablefish	117	4,182,465	9,466,123
Herring	25	1,940,975	699,877
Other Groundfish	76	675,055	518,102
Other Shellfish	66	421,382	717,712
Total Sitka	786	28,470,610	\$ 27,150,190

Source: Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit and fishing activity reports.

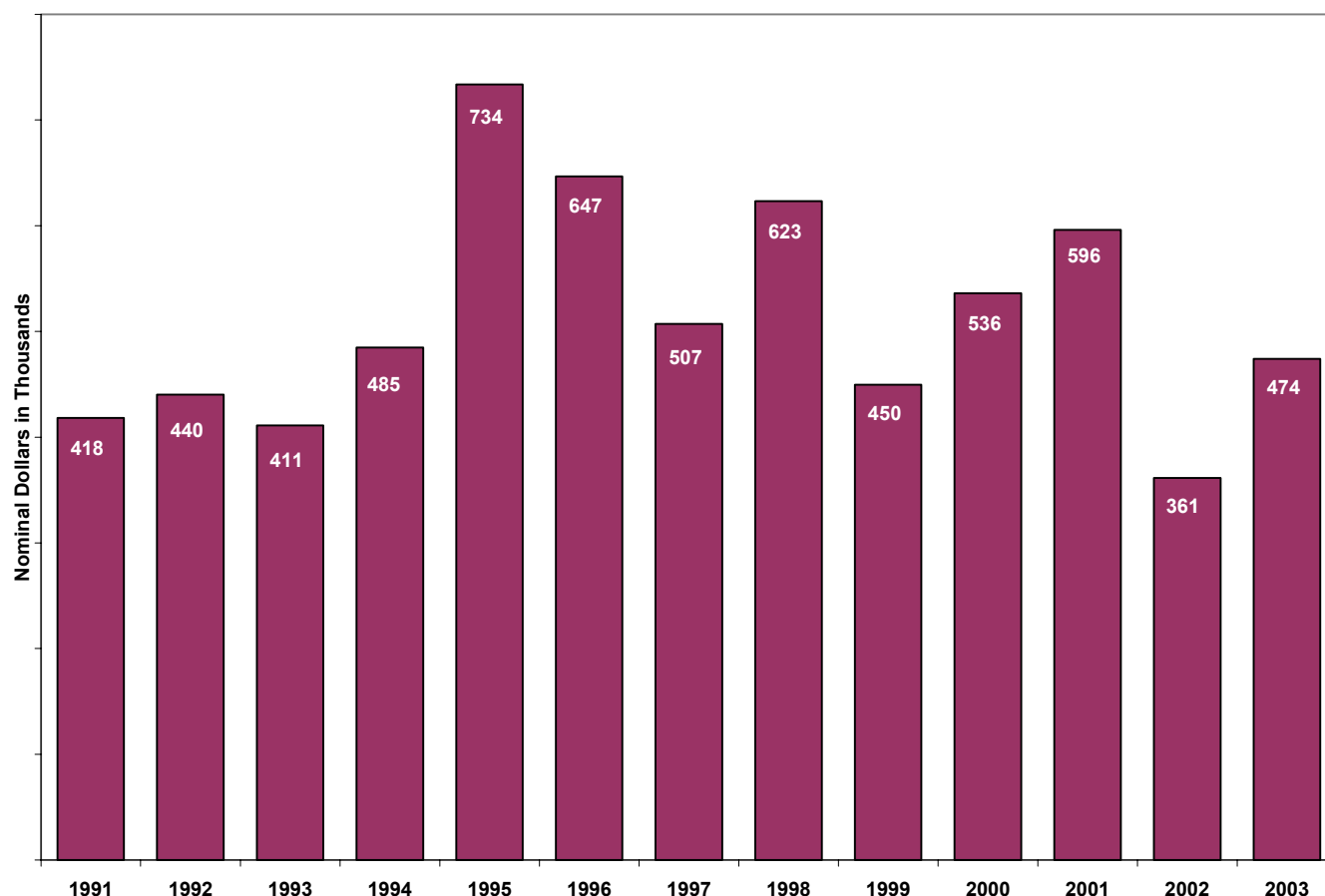
Table 5
Raw Fish Tax Receipts, Halibut & Sablefish Pounds Landed at Sitka & Sac Roe
Herring Seine Pounds Harvested in Sitka Sound, 1991-2003

Year	Raw Fish Tax Receipts	Halibut (Pounds Landed)	Sablefish (Pounds Landed)	Sac Roe Herring (Pounds Harvested)
2003	\$ 474,029	3,213,268	4,182,465	14,139,170
2002	361,336	3,228,631	4,095,103	19,392,122
2001	596,166	2,791,561	3,882,136	23,943,966
2000	536,121	2,331,546	3,543,881	9,144,133
1999	449,545	2,790,193	3,304,885	18,036,979
1998	623,208	3,504,850	4,198,602	13,275,977
1997	507,034	3,513,132	3,929,395	22,294,749
1996	646,763	2,825,565	4,888,448	16,159,412
1995	733,701	2,849,000	5,987,938	5,808,440
1994	484,705	2,800,000	NA	9,515,826
1993	410,956	2,990,000	NA	20,372,918
1992	440,237	3,149,000	NA	10,728,087
1991	418,022	2,956,000	NA	3,676,392

Source: City and Borough of Sitka, National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission. NA = not available.

In 2003, raw fish tax receipts rebounded somewhat from the 2002 low of \$361,336, increasing by more than 30 percent to \$474,029.

Figure 2
Raw Fish Tax Receipts, 1991-2003
(Nominal Dollars, thousands)



Source: City and Borough of Sitka.

HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY

Sitka's health care industry is comprised of Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC), the Pioneers' Home, Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital, Southeast Regional Emergency Medical Services (SEREMS), and other private health care services.

SEARHC is a tribal organization mandated to provide health care services to Alaska Natives and others who are referred to the Hospital for specialized treatment. SEARHC in Sitka performs a variety of health care functions in addition to operating Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital, including an alcohol rehabilitation program, mental health care services, and SEARHC's community health care programs. SEARHC is Sitka's single largest employer with 476 workers. There are eight additional Federal employees who work at the SEARHC facility.

The state-run Pioneers' Home provides residential and medical care to elderly individuals from various regions of Alaska. The Sitka Pioneers' Home is one of six such facilities in the state. The facility employed an average of 103 workers in 2004.

Southeast Regional Emergency Medical Services (SEREMS) in Sitka is a non-profit organization which coordinates emergency medical services.

Sitka's health care industry also includes the Sitka Community Hospital, with 115 employees, and a number of private practitioners. The Center for Community in Sitka employs workers (mostly part-time) and is part of a statewide provider of home and community-based services for people with disabilities, the elderly, and others who experience barriers to community living in Alaska.

Table 6
Health Care Industry Annual Average Employment in Sitka, 1999-2004

Employer	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
SEARHC	383	415	427	441	484
Pioneers' Home	106	108	107	103	103
Southeast Region Emergency Medical Services	6	7	8	8	9
Sitka Community Hospital	128	121	113	113	115
Other Health Care	87	98	137	120	125
Total Health Care	710	749	792	785	836

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Other health care includes doctors, dentists, and other health care practitioners.
This table does not include the Social Assistance sector.

VISITOR INDUSTRY

In 2004, cruise ship traffic to Sitka totaled 233,400 passengers. Traffic was down in 2004, but is expected to climb back to 238,000 in 2005.

Tourism in Sitka contributes to the local economy in several ways. In addition to money spent by tourists visiting Sitka, the community also benefits through its hotel bed tax revenue.

Preliminary bed tax receipts for 2004 show a sharp increase to \$382,110. Bed tax receipts for 2004 were the highest in the last

14 years, increasing by 26 percent over 2003 levels. In 1999, the bed tax rate increased from 4 to 6 percent.

Passengers enplaning at the Sitka airport increased from 2003 levels. Air passenger enplanements totaled 76,078 in 2004, a 10 percent increase over 2003. The number of disembarking ferry passengers in 2004 totaled 14,946 – an increase of about 11 percent from 2003.

Table 7
Sitka Visitor Traffic Indicators, 1991-2004

Year	Hotel Bed Tax Receipts	Number of Cruise Ship Visitors	Number of Enplaning Passengers, Sitka Airport	Number of Disembarking Ferry Passengers, Sitka Ferry Terminal
2004	\$382,110	233,400	76,078	14,956
2003	302,821	256,800	69,109	13,459
2002	264,659	249,500	70,095	13,975
2001	264,261	206,300	72,912	13,989
2000	250,366	156,000	68,002*	13,599
1999	243,822	168,000	63,811	16,016
1998	136,121	163,400	61,692	16,636
1997	133,722	183,600	62,480	16,383
1996	120,029	252,300	60,649	18,426
1995	129,907	221,000	62,093	18,627
1994	100,516	200,000	56,850	19,757
1993	104,570	174,000	55,945	18,557
1992	100,174	167,200	61,720	20,827
1991	95,178	156,000	50,267	23,021

Source: City and Borough of Sitka, Sitka Convention and Visitors Bureau, Federal Aviation Administration, and the Alaska Marine Highway System. *In 1999, FAA redefined enplanement reporting.

NATIONAL INTEREST INDUSTRY

United States Coast Guard

The U.S. Coast Guard contributes significantly to Sitka's basic economy, with approximately 200 local personnel. Because of Sitka's location, it is geographically well suited for supporting the U.S. Coast Guard in its North Pacific mission, including search and rescue operations. In addition, the U.S. Coast Guard has developed and maintained an Air Station, port facilities for U.S. Coast Guard cutters, and aids to navigation stations. A recent addition to the Coast Guard is the Division of Homeland Security as a result of 9/11.

The Coast Guard is expected to remain a stabilizing influence on the Sitka economy. While on an annual basis between 30 and 50 personnel are shifted to new locations and are in turn replaced by new personnel, overall staff and activity are expected to remain stable for the next couple of years.

United States Forest Service

The majority of Sitka's Forest Service employment in Sitka is in the Chatham Area Supervisor's Office. The Chatham Area Supervisor oversees National Forest activities in the Sitka Ranger District, the Hoonah Ranger District, and the Juneau Ranger District, as well as management of Admiralty Island National Monument. Sitka Ranger District personnel are responsible for on-the-ground management of the Sitka District, which includes parts of Chichagof Island and all of Baranof Island.

The Forest Service accounted for 108 jobs in Sitka in 2004, a slight increase from 2003 levels.

Table 8
National Interest Industry Annual Average Employment in Sitka, 2000-2004

Employer	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
U.S. Forest Service	106	107	111	105	108
U.S. Coast Guard	195	200	220	200	200
Total National Interest	301	307	331	305	308

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, US Coast Guard.

EDUCATION

The education industry in Sitka includes Sheldon Jackson College, Mt. Edgecumbe High School, the Public Safety Academy, University of Alaska Southeast, and local public schools. Each of these institutions helps to satisfy regional and statewide demand for educational services and in doing so brings outside money into the community and creates jobs for Sitka residents. In 2004, this sector accounted for an annual average of 467 jobs.

The Sitka Borough School District enrollment for the 2003-2004 school year was 1,524 students. This is a decrease from the previous school year when 1,582 students were enrolled and a further decrease from the 2001-2002 school year when 1,646 students attended Sitka Borough Schools.

The University of Alaska Southeast has a campus in Sitka. The campus was founded as Sitka Community College in 1962 and merged with UAS in 1987. There were 920 students enrolled for classes in the Fall of 2003. The campus awards both certificates of completion and associate degrees.

The state-run Mt. Edgecumbe High School provides secondary education opportunities for Alaskan students in a boarding school environment. There were 336 students registered in 2003-2004. A vast majority of the students are from rural Alaska. Along with administrative and teaching personnel payroll, the Mt. Edgecumbe High School includes a significant number of personnel employed on a contract basis.

The main office of the Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA) is located in Sitka and was founded in 1985 to create and support a cold water safety information and training network throughout Alaska and the West Coast.

The Public Safety Academy provides law enforcement training to Alaska State troopers, police officers, and public safety officers from all regions of the state. Successful students may graduate and obtain Alaska Police Standards Certification.

Table 9
Sitka's Education Industry Annual Average Employment, 2000 - 2004

Employer	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Mt. Edgecumbe High School*	48	57	44	50	48
Sheldon Jackson College	74	83	89	99	95
University of Alaska South East	70	83	94	85	78
Public Safety Academy	11	10	6	6	6
AK Marine Safety Education Association			8	9	9
Sitka School District**	225	230	246	222	231
Total Education Industry	428	463	487	471	467

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Public Safety Academy.

* Does not include contract employees. ** Includes substitute schoolteachers, seasonal employees, and permanent part-time employees.

GROSS BUSINESS SALES

Gross business sales rose to \$312.1 million in 2004, a 9.3 percent increase over 2003 sales of \$285.4 million. The largest gains were in retail and wholesale trade with a combined increase of almost \$22 million in gross sales in 2004.

Retail trade, services, and construction continue to be the three largest contributors to Sitka's total gross business sales. Combined gross sales for these three sectors is \$250 million, or almost 88 percent of total gross business sales.

Table 10
City and Borough of Sitka Summary of Reported Gross Sales, by Industry (in thousands), 1997 - 2004

Industry	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*
Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	\$660	\$1,118	\$1,489	\$2,498	\$2,549	\$2,600	\$1,896	\$1,834
Mining	1,895	1,101	2,614	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	33,403	44,102	38,610	42,404	43,587	54,800	64,138	63,449
Manufacturing	4,462	4,753	4,624	5,221	5,930	5,400	5,768	8,199
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	9,044	8,939	9,754	11,391	13,169	14,800	16,515	18,276
Wholesale Trade	12,244	11,684	11,859	14,700	21,235	23,000	9,783	13,937
Retail Trade	89,460	90,690	95,437	95,769	95,403	103,500	118,959	136,451
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	12,675	14,666	14,392	13,848	14,802	15,500	21,426	19,205
Services	29,269	30,684	32,963	35,949	37,340	44,000	46,954	50,754
Non-Classified	NA	1,849	2,639	459	1,097	-	-	-
Total	\$195,333	\$209,587	\$214,382	\$222,238	\$235,112	\$263,500	\$285,438	\$312,105

Source: City and Borough of Sitka. NOTE: Figures have not been adjusted for inflation. NA = not available. *Preliminary data.

SITKA'S LARGEST PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation remains Sitka's single largest employer. SEARHC reported an average of 476 employees in 2004. The seafood industry also places prominently on the top employers list, with North Pacific

Processors Inc. and Seafood Producers Cooperative representing the 3rd and 6th largest employers in Sitka. Other industries represented include retail, tourism, construction, services, education, and transportation.

Table 11
Top 15 Private Sector Employers in Sitka, 2004

Employer	Estimated Average Employment, 2004
SE Alaska Regional Health Corp.	476
Hames Corporation	108
North Pacific Processors, Inc.	103
Westmark Hotels, Inc.	97
Sheldon Jackson College	95
Seafood Producers Cooperative	73
Center for Community*	56
Lakeside Groceries, Inc.	54
McGraws Custom Construction Inc.	52
AK Airlines, Inc.	46
Samson Tug and Barge Co. Inc.	46
Allen Marine Inc.*	45
Whites Pharmacy & Harry's Soda Shop	33
Sitka Counseling & Prevention Services	32
Spenard Builders Supply Inc.	32

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

*Does not include Allen Marine Tours, which employed an annual average of 18 in 2004.

APPENDIX

**Appendix Table 1
Sitka Borough Population and Household Profile**

Year	Total Population	Total Households	Average Household Size	Median Household Income (\$)
2000	8,835	3,278	2.6	\$51,901
1990	8,588	2,933	2.8	\$43,337
1980	7,803	2,440	3.0	\$30,483

Source: US Census Bureau.

**Appendix Table 2
Per Capita Personal Income for Various Regions within Alaska, Nominal Dollars, 1997-2003**

Region	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	\$30,830	\$31,053	\$31,300	\$34,391	\$36,284	\$37,237	\$38,343
Anchorage Borough	31,730	32,668	33,447	33,691	36,406	37,034	37,750
Juneau Borough	32,065	32,410	32,260	34,772	35,285	35,891	36,668
Haines Borough	28,313	29,070	29,704	31,764	34,262	35,443	35,542
Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	24,858	24,841	25,425	29,113	30,571	32,279	34,508
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	27,367	28,698	28,875	30,008	30,768	32,792	33,321
Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	25,453	26,162	27,699	27,861	29,666	30,705	31,861
Sitka Borough	25,337	26,566	27,423	29,078	30,711	30,699	31,467
Fairbanks North Star Borough	24,809	25,665	26,268	27,832	28,894	29,795	30,583
Kodiak Island Borough	24,184	24,850	25,787	26,681	28,489	27,873	29,479
Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	19,267	19,635	20,607	20,952	20,145	20,890	21,492

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce. 2003 is the most recent year available.

**Appendix Table 3
Summary of Employment in Sitka, 2003
Average Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Annual Earnings**

Industry Sector	Average Employment	Total Payroll (\$ millions)	Average Annual Earnings (\$)
Manufacturing **	222	\$ 5.0	\$ 22,736
Transportation and Utilities	207	7.4	25,842
Wholesale Trade	52	1.3	25,943
Retail Trade	536	11.8	22,035
Financial Activities	124	3.9	31,559
Professional and Business Services	183	4.9	26,832
Education and Health Services	942	34.1	36,180
Leisure and Hospitality	440	6.2	14,023
Other Services	129	1.9	14,884
All Other Industry	361	14.3	39,653
Total Private Sector Employment *	3,196	90.9	28,434
Federal Government	201	10.6	52,486
State Government	354	11.6	32,676
Local Government	607	21.2	34,227
Total Public Sector Employment	1,162	44.0	37,872
Total	4,358	\$ 134.9	\$ 30,950

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

*Does not include self-employed seafood harvesters. ** Information considered confidential for this year. Figures are for food manufacturing only. Total manufacturing employment for the year was 302.

Appendix Table 4
Wage and Salary Employment in Sitka, Nominal Dollars, 1995-2004

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total Employment	3,842	3,888	3,825	3,875	4,055	4,083	4,171	4,302	4,358	4,278
Annual Payroll (in millions)	\$103.0	\$104.1	\$103.9	\$107.7	\$112.4	\$117.5	\$121.4	\$129.2	\$134.9	\$137.4
Average Monthly Wage	\$2,233	\$2,232	\$2,264	\$2,316	\$2,310	\$2,398	\$2,425	\$2,502	\$2,579	\$2,676

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section.

Appendix Table 5
Employment in Sitka by Industry, 1994-2003

Sector	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Construction	236	226	239	218	211	238	239	202	194	215
Manufacturing	304	329	297	251	232	281	342	297	306	302
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	276	261	246	283	304	309	306	325	282	207
Trade (Wholesale and Retail)	771	793	765	714	734	741	712	748	562	588
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	77	79	89	88	81	93	96	96	126	124
Services	1,005	1,032	1,123	1,168	1,205	1,259	1,236	1,285	1,583	1,694
All other industry	46	44	49	47	54	51	58	58	72	66
Total Private Sector Employment	2,715	2,764	2,808	2,769	2,821	2,972	2,989	3,010	3,125	3,196
Federal Government	272	265	250	234	206	197	189	185	190	201
State Government	318	319	325	310	323	336	338	353	368	354
Local Government	474	494	504	511	525	551	566	624	619	607
Total Public Sector Employment	1,064	1,078	1,080	1,054	1,054	1,083	1,094	1,162	1,177	1,162
Total Employment	3,778	3,842	3,888	3,825	3,875	4,055	4,083	4,171	4,302	4,358

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section.

Note: Industry classifications underwent a significant change from 2001 to 2002 when the Federal government revised the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system to the expanded North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). The NAICS system refocuses the industry classification system to how goods and services are produced as opposed to the SIC system which focused on what was produced. Employment shown in this table for 2002 is the Health Care and Social Assistance sector. Because of the change in industry classifications, caution should be used when comparing 2002 and 2003 to prior years.

Appendix Table 6
Sitka Area Monthly Unemployment Rates (%), 1998-2004

Month	1998	1999	2000*	2001*	2002*	2003*	2004*
January	7.8%	6.7%	5.9%	6.3%	7.4%	7.5%	9.1%
February	8.1	7.8	6.2	6.3	7.2	7.8	9.2
March	6.7	6.2	5.5	5.6	7.2	7.5	7.8
April	4.8	4.8	5.1	4.5	6.2	6.1	6.5
May	4.1	5.1	4.9	4.0	5.8	5.7	6.0
June	5.2	5.4	5.5	4.5	6.2	6.8	6.6
July	4.0	4.4	4.0	3.9	4.8	5.3	5.3
August	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.6	5.1	4.9
September	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.5	4.9	5.2	4.9
October	4.1	5.1	4.2	4.4	5.2	5.9	5.7
November	4.4	4.5	4.6	5.1	6.1	6.8	6.9
December	5.8	5.1	4.8	6.1	7.1	8.0	7.4

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section.

* A recent change in the methodology for calculating unemployment rates took place as a result of direction from the U.S. Department of Labor. Comparisons of unemployment rates prior to 2000 are not recommended.

Appendix Table 7
Sitka Resident Personal Income, 2000 through 2003, by Major Source (thousands of dollars)

Source of Income	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total Personal Income	\$252,833	\$267,130	\$271,928	\$279,019
Earnings by place of work	183,320	203,209	214,799	227,122
less: Personal contribution for social insurance	9,489	19,692	21,139	22,426
plus: Adjustment for residence	-17,185	-17,005	-18,306	-19,557
equals: Net earnings by place of residence	156,646	166,512	175,354	185,139
plus: Dividends, interest, and rent	57,144	58,317	53,582	52,326
plus: Transfer payments	39,043	42,301	42,992	41,554
Wage and salary disbursements	132,199	133,862	142,488	150,054
Other labor income	20,702	33,246	37,002	40,307
Proprietors' income	30,419	36,101	35,309	36,761
Nonfarm earnings	183,320	203,209	214,799	227,122
Private earnings	123,583	136,186	143,711	152,526
Construction	14,469	13,103	12,299	(D)
Manufacturing	9,004	(D)	13,736	(D)
Food and kindred products	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Transportation and public utilities	13,433	14,211	12,472	12,130
Wholesale trade	1,969	1,663	1,602	1,757
Retail trade	16,728	13,828	15,257	15,981
Finance, insurance, and real estate	4,536	3,299	3,723	3,944
Services	50,231	46,263	52,885	51,719
Hotels and other lodging places	3,790	6,186	7,120	7,825
Health services	25,169	32,677	37,526	40,332
Social services	4,450	5,417	6,114	6,499
Government and government enterprises	59,737	67,023	71,088	74,596
Federal, civilian	13,033	13,872	14,423	15,168
Military	11,838	12,999	14,874	16,935
State and local	34,866	40,152	41,791	42,493
State	13,611	15,190	15,940	15,695
Local	21,255	24,962	25,851	26,798

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Note: Subcategory totals may not add up to category totals because only the larger sources of income are reported. (D) Indicated not shown to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

**Appendix Table 8
2000 Census Data**

Subject	Number	Percent
Total population	8,835	100.0
Sex and Age		
Male	4,505	51.0
Female	4,330	49.0
Median Age	35.2	(X)
Race		
One race	8,170	92.5
White	6,052	68.5
Black or African American	28	0.3
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,641	18.6
Asian	335	3.8
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	31	0.4
Some other race	83	0.9
Two or more races	665	7.5
Household by Type		
Total households	3,278	100.0
Family households (families)	2,218	67.7
Married couple family	1,736	53.0
Female householder, no husband present	339	10.3
Non-family households	1,060	32.3
Householder living alone	804	24.5
Average household size	2.61	(X)
Average family size	3.15	(X)
Housing Occupancy		
Total housing units	3,650	100.0
Occupied housing units	3,278	89.8
Vacant housing units	372	10.2
For seasonal, recreational or occasional use	169	4.6
Employment Status		
Population 16 years and over	6,700	100.0
In labor force	4,934	73.6
Civilian labor force	4,719	70.4
Employed	4,352	65.0
Unemployed	367	5.5
Percent of civilian labor force	7.8	(X)
Armed Forces	215	3.2
Not in labor force	1,766	26.4
Income		
Median household income (dollars)	\$51,901	(X)
Median family income (dollars)	\$62,361	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	\$23,622	(X)
Poverty Status		
Families	94	4.2
Individuals	668	7.8

Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census.

Appendix Table 9
Salmon Harvest Trends by Sitka Resident Permit Holders, 1993-2003
Pounds Harvested (millions of pounds)

Harvest Method	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003*
Purse Seine	8.1	12.4	9.6	14.3	11	14	18.5	11	13.9	9.6	11.9
Drift Gillnet*	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.8	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.9	0.85
Hand Troll	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.2	1	0.2	0.1	0.08	0.08
Power Troll	5.3	7.3	4.2	4.8	4.3	4.3	3.9	5.3	5.5	5.0	4.7
Total Salmon Harvested	14.2	21.2	14.8	20.2	15.8	19.3	24.5	17.7	20.8	15.8	17.7

Source: Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission. Includes non-SE permits fished by Sitka residents. *2003 data is preliminary.

Appendix Table 10
Nominal Value of Salmon Harvest Trends, by Sitka Resident Permit Holders, 1993-2003 (millions of dollars)

Harvest Method	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003*
Purse Seine	\$2.30	\$3.00	\$2.80	\$2.10	\$2.10	\$2.70	\$3.50	\$3.00	\$2.78	\$1.18	\$1.50
Drift Gillnet*	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.28	0.26
Hand Troll	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.14	0.07	0.08
Power Troll	6.2	8.6	3.7	3.6	4.6	3.7	5	4.8	4.97	3.9	4.1
Total Salmon	\$9.20	\$13.00	\$7.30	\$6.40	\$7.30	\$6.80	\$9.10	\$8.50	\$8.39	\$5.53	\$6.06

Source: Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission. Includes non-SE permits fished by Sitka residents. *2003 data is preliminary.

Appendix Table 11
Sitka Shore-Based Processing, 1997-2003
First Wholesale Value, Nominal Dollars (FOB Sitka)

Fishery	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Groundfish	\$19,312,112	\$16,844,567	\$13,688,621	\$15,315,597	\$14,279,248	\$12,917,991	\$16,814,707
Halibut	10,387,987	7,183,563	7,863,967	7,930,518	7,575,461	8,282,228	10,602,176
Misc. Finfish and Herring	*	*	*	*	4,514,428	1,460,585	*
Crab and Other Shellfish*	*	361,789	*	*	1,283,296	763,524	997,130
Salmon	17,443,698	18,694,143	18,808,231	26,264,686	22,068,592	19,129,436	21,099,099
Shrimp	*	*	*	*	34,620	*	*
Total Wholesale Value	\$50,628,025	\$45,892,273	\$44,957,887	\$51,826,334	\$49,755,645	\$42,553,764	\$49,513,112

Source: ADF&G – Commercial Operators Annual Report Database for Sitka shore-based processors.

*When there are less than four processors, the value and pounds processed is considered confidential.

Note: ADF&G changed its method of retrieving data for 2003 making more of the data confidential. Totals do not include confidential data.

Appendix Table 12
Sitka Shore-Based Processing, 1997-2003
Pounds Processed

Fishery	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Groundfish	5,020,741	5,071,083	4,074,338	3,888,089	3,993,805	3,348,747	4,144,151
Halibut	3,579,352	3,345,138	2,570,926	2,334,253	2,514,715	2,232,625	2,563,516
Misc. Finfish and Herring	*	*	*	*	8,624,183	2,654,222	*
Crab and Other Shellfish*	*	180,257	*	*	396,196	157,737	192,287
Salmon	10,545,294	11,795,650	10,908,343	15,948,403	16,330,628	13,741,449	15,136,399
Shrimp	*	*	*	*	6,183	*	*
Total Pounds Processed	22,243,643	24,857,086	23,029,322	23,967,829	31,865,710	22,134,780	22,036,353

Source: ADF&G– Commercial Operators Annual Report Database for Sitka shore-based processors.

*When there are less than four processors, the value and pounds processed is considered confidential.

Note: ADF&G changed its method of retrieving data for 2003 making more of the data confidential. Totals do not include confidential data.

Appendix Table 13
Estimated Adult Salmon Returns, by Species, 1994-2003

Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (Medvejie Creek)	Year	Pink	Chum	Coho	Chinook	Total
	2003	NA	1,107,909	61,409	48,914	1,218,232
	2002	NA	768,555	110,632	42,546	921,733
	2001	NA	1,020,000	4,070	33,445	1,057,515
	2000	NA	3,572,000	1,181	29,078	3,602,259
	1999	NA	3,662,701	1,064	19,151	3,682,916
	1998	NA	3,019,966	1,004	20,847	3,041,817
	1997	NA	2,595,000	103,230	35,000	2,733,230
	1996	NA	2,819,000	180,740	35,900	3,035,640
	1995	NA	1,287,000	178,780	40,300	1,506,080
	1994	NA	1,308,000	299,630	19,500	1,627,130
Sheldon Jackson College Hatchery	Year	Pink	Chum	Coho	Chinook	Total
	2003	101,110	9,109	1962	132	112,313
	2002	44,444	2,337	627	80	47,488
	2001	62,615	4,640	15	59	67,329
	2000	185,660	33,165	72,244	153	291,222
	1999	157,500	2,775	561	492	161,328
	1998	124,000	968	1,480	1,241	127,689
	1997	446,925	1,944	255	638	449,762
	1996	390,384	73	1,246	1,392	393,095
	1995	23,923	129	3,094	1,194	28,340
	1994	297,719	324	780	1,280	300,103

Source: Sheldon Jackson College Hatchery, Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association. Alaska Salmon Enhancement Program report from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for various years.. NA indicates not available.

Appendix Table 14
Releases from Sitka Area Hatcheries, 1994-2003

Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (Medvejie Creek)	Year	Pink	Chum	Coho	Chinook	Total
	2003	270,000	6,800,000	10,000	1,760,000	8,840,000
	2002	260,000	7,010,000	10,000	1,950,000	9,230,000
	2001	290,000	6,950,000	260,000	2,180,000	9,680,000
	2000	180,000	4,930,000	210,000	2,280,000	7,600,000
	1999	275,000	5,298,000	7,045	1,635,093	6,940,138
	1998	275,000	4,563,000	290,063	1,119,512	5,972,575
	1997	276,000	4,992,000	2,045,000	1,053,000	8,366,000
	1996	190,000	4,842,000	1,901,000	1,005,000	7,938,000
	1995	190,000	5,331,000	1,708,000	1,130,000	8,359,000
	1994	30,000	4,865,000	1,343,000	1,083,000	7,321,000
Sheldon Jackson College Hatchery	Year	Pink	Chum	Coho	Chinook	Total
	2003	800,000	180,000	0	0	980,000
	2002	860,000	950,000	10,000	30,000	1,850,000
	2001	5,330,000	3,860,000	40,000	50,000	9,280,000
	2000	1,650,000	3,380,000	80,000	90,000	5,200,000
	1999	3,779,000	1,377,000	19,690	13,048	5,188,738
	1998	4,500,000	1,600,000	18,034	41,323	6,159,357
	1997	6,700,000	3,400,000	74,000	79,000	10,253,000
	1996	7,900,000	3,540,000	50,000	60,000	11,540,000
	1995	7,130,000	180,000	70,000	80,000	7,460,000
	1994	350,000	200,000	100,000	100,000	750,000

Source: Sheldon Jackson College Hatchery, Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association. Alaska Salmon Enhancement Program report from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for various years.

Appendix Table 15
Sitka Resident Seafood Harvest, 2003 Preliminary Data

Fishery	Number of Permits Fished	Gross Pounds	Gross Earnings
SE seine	13	11,930,424	\$ 1,498,316
SE drift gillnet	11	845,855	256,222
Bristol Bay drift gillnet	2	*	*
Yakutat setnet	2	*	*
Bristol Bay setnet	3	*	*
Statewide hand troll	33	80,178	77,845
Statewide power troll	193	4,691,222	4,145,904
Total Salmon	257	17,704,004	\$ 6,056,281
Halibut handtroll Statewide	4	3,216	8,801
IFQ halibut longline, < 60'	196	2,764,180	7,737,503
Dinglebar Troll Statewide	1	*	*
Mechanical Jig Statewide	1	*	*
IFQ halibut longline, > 60'	13	445,872	1,235,479
Total Halibut**	215	3,213,268	\$ 8,981,783
SE Dungeness crab, 300 pot	2	*	*
SE Dungeness crab, 150 pot	3	*	*
SE red/blue king, pot	1	*	*
SE brown king pot	1	*	*
SE red/blue king/tanner pot	2	*	*
SE brown king/tanner pot	1	*	*
SE red/blue/brown king/tanner pot	2	*	*
SE Tanner ring net	14	3,349	8,038
SE Tanner pot	1	*	*
Total Crab	27	255,690	\$ 536,407
IFQ sablefish longline, < 60'	80	2,693,385	6,078,501
Sablefish longline NSE, >60'	28	549,799	1,262,172
IFQ sablefish longline, > 60'	9	939,281	2,125,451
Sablefish longline SSE, >60'	3	*	*
Total Sablefish**	120	4,182,465	\$ 9,466,123
SE roe herring seine	4	1,468,716	333,399
SE herring roe and food/bail, gillnet	1	*	*
SE food/bait herring seine	1	*	*
SE herring spawn on kelp food/bait	1	*	*
NSE herring spawn on kelp pound	14	47,075	281,778
SSE herring spawn on kelp pound	4	*	*
Total Herring	25	1,940,975	\$ 699,877
SE geoduck clams, dive gear	7	*	*
SE shrimp beam trawl			
SE shrimp pot	20	85,459	205,136
SE sea cucumber, dive gear	38	272,571	40,553
Sea cucumber, dive gear, excl. SE	1	*	*
Total Other Shellfish	66	421,382	\$ 717,712
Dinglebar ling cod	17	178,675	122,748
Mechanical jig ling cod	5	6,686	5,264
Misc saltwater finfish hand troll	1	*	*
Misc finfish longline, < 60'	14	14,944	5,623
Misc. saltwater finfish dinglebar troll	1	*	*
Misc saltwater finfish mechanical jig	5	*	*
Misc saltwater finfish longline, > 60'	2	*	*
Demersal shelf rockfish hand troll	1	*	*
Demersal shelf rockfish LL <60'	27	262,139	291,975
Demersal s.r., mechanical jig SE	1	*	*
Demersal shelf rockfish LL > 60'	2	*	*
Total Finfish	76	675,055	\$ 518,102
Total Sitka Fisheries	786	28,470,610	\$27,150,190

Source: Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission.

*When there are less than four permits fished, the pounds landed and gross earnings are held confidential.